

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7017–S7096*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1539–1552, and S. Res. 220. **Page S7070**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1547, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (S. Rept. No. 110–77)

S. 1142, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development. (S. Rept. No. 110–78)

S. 1548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year.

S. 1549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military construction.

S. 1550, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. **Page S7070**

**Measures Passed:**

**Honoring Senator Craig Thomas:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, honoring the life of Senator Craig Thomas. **Pages S7095–96**

**Measures Considered:**

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Adopted:**

By 71 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 183), Durbin/Grassley Amendment No. 1231 (to Amendment No. 1150), to ensure that employers make efforts to recruit American workers.

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By 67 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 185), Feingold Amendment No. 1176 (to Amendment No. 1150),

to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S7036, S7058–59, S7062**

**Rejected:**

By 31 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 182), Cornyn (for Allard) Amendment No. 1189 (to Amendment No. 1150), to eliminate the preference given to people who entered the United States illegally over people seeking to enter the country legally in the merit-based evaluation system for visas.

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**Withdrawn:**

By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 184), McConnell Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require individuals voting in person to present photo identification. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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**Pending:**

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7036**

Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals.

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Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals. **Page S7036**

Menendez Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1150), to modify the deadline for the family backlog reduction. **Page S7036**

Sessions Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the

largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 1191 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures and to improve conditions of detention.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1150), to address documentation of employment and to make an amendment with respect to mandatory disclosure of information.

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Salazar (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1150), to reclassify the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents as immediate relatives.

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Salazar (for Obama/Menendez) Amendment No. 1202 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide a date on which the authority of the section relating to the increasing of American competitiveness through a merit-based evaluation system for immigrants shall be terminated.

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DeMint Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require health care coverage for holders of Z nonimmigrant visas.

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Bingaman/Obama Modified Amendment No. 1267 (to Amendment No. 1150), to remove the requirement that Y–1 nonimmigrant visa holders leave the United States before they are able to renew their visa.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, that there be 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled be-

tween Senators Kennedy and Cornyn, or their designees; with the time to run concurrently on Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150) (listed above), and a Kennedy amendment relating to the same subject; and that there be no amendments in order to either amendments prior to the vote, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Kennedy amendment, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Cornyn Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), with 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the second vote.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ron Silver, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Judy Van Rest, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Anne Cahn, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Kathleen Martinez, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

George E. Moose, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Jeremy A. Rabkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. **Pages S7095, S7096**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas A. Brook, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire.

David W. Hagy, of Texas, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice. **Page S7096**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Henry Bonilla, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on March 15, 2007. **Page S7096**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Page S7068**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7068–70**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7070–73**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7067–68**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7095**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—185) **Pages S7041, S7042, S7061–62, S7062**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Craig Thomas, United States Senator, from the state of Wyoming, in accordance with S. Res. 220, at 8:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7096.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### EXECUTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine executive stock options, focusing on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and stockholders information, after receiving testimony from Kevin M. Brown, Acting Commissioner,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; John W. White, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, and Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, Broomfield, Colorado, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Stephen F. Bollenbach, KB Homes, and John S. Chalsty, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, both of Los Angeles, California; William Y. Tauscher, Safeway Inc., Pleasanton, California; Jeffrey P. Mahoney, Council of Institutional Investors, Washington, D.C.; and Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University Business School, Boston, Massachusetts.

### GANG ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the federal role to work with communities to prevent and respond to gang violence, focusing on S. 456, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, and William J. Bratton, Los Angeles Police Department, both of Los Angeles, California; Boni Gayle Driskill, Wings of Protection, Modesto, California; District Attorney James P. Fox, Redwood City, California, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; Claude A. Robinson Jr., Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, Chicago, Illinois; Gregg Croteau, United Teen Equality Center, Lowell, Massachusetts; and Patrick Word, Gaithersburg City Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network.

### PRESERVING PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice and politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, after receiving testimony from Bradley J. Schlozman, Associate Counsel to the Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Department of Justice; and Todd P. Graves, Graves Bartle and Marcus LLC, Kansas City, Missouri.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.